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To: RI Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB)

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Subject: EFSB Docket 2021-04

References: 1. Docket No SB-2021-04

2. EFSB Project Siting Report Portable LNG Vaporization Project

3. Siting Report Appendix G 255 Buyout properties

4. August 18 Response from Narragansett Electric.

5. Clips of PPL online website

Discussion Points: 1 Noise issue/Possible Buyout. 2 Motion for Protective Treatment 3. Who is PPL and what do they really want.

First of all, we would like to again thank the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) original decision in Docket SB 2020-02 for recognizing the National Grid LNG/piping station located at Old Mill Lane, Portsmouth is in fact a "major energy facility" (Ref. 1) and issuing SB Order 147 which required that "National Grid shall file an application to construct a major energy facility with the Board no later than June 1, 2021." (Ref.1) Without that decision who knows what an unconstrained gas company would be doing at Old Mill Lane.

We would also like to thank those nonprofit organizations and state agencies that continue to file briefs with the EFSB recognizing the major issues concerning this site well beyond the needs of the immediate residential neighborhood.

Discussion point 1: Noise Issue/ Possible buyout

When we originally submitted our opposition to the original National Grid proposal our number one concern was the noise. Siting Report Appendix G discusses this issue and shows the proposed redesign site. The report uses the threshold of 60 dB from the existing seasonal operation of LNG equipment to determine which properties will receive buyout offers; 13 properties were identified to receive buyout offers; our property is included.

Based on current market values a conservative estimate of buyout costs would be between 8 to 10 million dollars. It would seem that for kind of money a very effective noise reduction site could be designed and built. The proposed site does not look like that kind of money is being spent to reduce the noise.

We therefore have to question why is the utility not spending the money on our original objection: Solve the noise issue.

We can only speculate, but one possibility may be the utility company sees value in owing those 13 properties. The total acreage is approximately 30+ acres, most of it is directly across the street in Portsmouth with several properties having gas easements attached to the properties. Once the Gas Company owns that property what is to prevent the company from building up that side for whatever purposes they may have in the future to include solar power fields, increased gas storage capabilities, etc.

Discussion point 2: Motion for Protective Treatment

The request by the utility company for a Motion for Protective Treatment is a cause of great concern among many of the residents of Portsmouth and Middletown. I could not disagree more with the statement “the protecting of this information from the public outweighs the public interest”. A major problem with Redacted copies for public record is it severely limits the public from holding accountable both public officials and elected state and local officials. If the public does not have access to the redacted information, it becomes difficult to ask meaningful question to their elected officials and subsequently those public officials charged with monitoring The Narragansett Electric company/ Rhode Island Energy/

Discussion Point 3: Who is PPL Corporation and what do they really want?

Below are two open sources on the internet provided by PPL.

1.

Rhode Island Energy is now part of the **PPL Corporation** family of companies. **Rhode Island Energy** provides essential energy services to over 770,000 homes and businesses across **Rhode Island** through the delivery of electricity and natural gas. Our team is dedicated to helping **Rhode Island** customers and communities thrive, while supporting the transition to a cleaner **energy** ...

I would like to address the last 8 words in the first bullet point “while supporting the transition to a cleaner energy”. I have extensively reviewed PPL Corporation website and cannot find any reference to PPL supporting removing private homes from the power grid by using solar panels with privately owned battery backup sources as a viable residential solution to America’s energy needs. In Rhode Island, bait is financially nearly impossible for a homeowner to legally do that. Based on what I have read on PPL Corporation available online sites and the required filings that the utility company has submitted to the EFSB, a reasonable person must conclude that on Aquidneck Island the utility company plans on expanding gas sales with new customer hookup. That may be the real reason why the Old Mill Lane expansion is so important to the utility company, by owning the gas system to the consumer and keeping electricity available only thru PPL’s electrical distribution system, PPL continues to be a Rhode Island monopolistic monster and PPL will have high profits. (See below bullet point)

2.

Investor Highlights

PPL Second-Quarter Earnings

PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL) today announced second-quarter 2022 reported earnings (GAAP) of \$119 million, or \$0.16 per share.

Closing Statement

Times are changing, residents of Aquidneck Island want a reduction in gas usage not an increase. Old Mill Lane is a residential area, please do not allow the power company to destroy this area. Please keep this in mind when you make your decision.

Thank you for allowing us express our concerns regarding the National Grid Old Mill Lane Portsmouth RI operations.

Very Respectfully,

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